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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/597,318

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Examiner: W. Yip

For: STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME (As Amended)

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Replace the current title with the following:

STANCHION SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

IN THE ABSTRACT

Replace the current Abstract with the following:

A cover is provided for an elongated stanchion secured to a fixed structure and extending generally linearly away from the fixed structure. The sleeve has an elongated body extending between two opposing ends. An interior cavity extends along the sleeve and through one end of the sleeve. The interior cavity has a cross-sectional shape adapted for slip fit engagement with the stanchion post.

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